

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

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Examiner

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to amendment filed December 12, 2005.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-14 and 16.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.
THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.

4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

1. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance of claims 1-6: The prior art did not teach or suggest a boat misting system as claimed by the applicant, specifically a boat misting system comprising supply piping connectable to the inlet and the filter and concealable below the deck of the boat, the water pump concealable below the deck of the boat, the water pump connectable to a control panel, the supply outlet manifold concealable below the deck and extendable from the water pump to a portion of the boat, a plurality of supply lines connectable to the supply outlet manifold and a plurality of independently adjustable spray nozzles installable at intervals along the supply lines, together in combination with the other claimed features of applicant's invention.
2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance of claims 7-10: The prior art did not teach or suggest a boat misting system as claimed by the applicant, specifically a boat misting system comprising supply piping connectable to the inlet and the filter and concealable below the deck of the boat, the water pump concealable below the deck of the boat, the water pump connectable to a control panel, a supply outlet manifold concealable below the deck and extendable from the water pump to a portion of the boat, a plurality of supply lines concealable in a boat hull and connectable to the supply outlet manifold and a plurality of independently adjustable spray nozzles protruding from the boat hull at intervals along the supply lines, together in combination with the other claimed features of applicant's invention.
3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance of claims 11-14: The prior art did not teach or suggest a boat misting system as claimed by the applicant, specifically a boat misting system comprising supply piping connected to the filter and concealed under the

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deck of the boat, a water pump concealed below the deck of the boat, the water pump connected to the filter and in electronic communication with a control panel, a supply outlet manifold extended from the water pump and concealed under the deck of within a hull of the boat, a plurality of supply lines connected to the supply outlet manifold and concealed within the hull of the boat and a plurality of independently adjustable spray nozzles protruding from the boat hull at intervals along the supply lines, together in combination with the other claimed features of applicant's invention.

4. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance of claim 16: The prior art did not teach or suggest a boat misting system as claimed by the applicant, specifically a boat misting system comprising supply piping connectable to the inlet and the filter and concealable below the deck and within the wall of the boat, the water pump concealable within the wall of the boat, the water pump connectable to a control panel, a supply outlet manifold concealable within the wall and extendable from the water pump to a portion of the boat, a plurality of supply lines concealable in a roof of the boat and connectable to the supply outlet manifold and a plurality of independently adjustable spray nozzles protruding from the boat roof at intervals along the supply lines, together in combination with the other claimed features of applicant's invention.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."


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5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Steven J. Ganey whose telephone number is (571) 272-4899. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 8:00 AM to 5:30 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Dave Scherbel, can be reached on (571) 272-4919. The fax phone number for this Group is (571) 273-8300.

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